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## POOR TELEGRAPH SERVICE

Our attention is called to the poor telegraph service now existing in the valley. The old method of telegraphing from a railway station was abolished several years ago, and the present method is to telephone a message to So. Pittsburg. This service is abominably poor, messages being delayed in various ways, besides the great inconvenience of attempting telephone use, which in itself is not a "joy forever."

It is strange that Sequachee Valley with its great resources and its hundreds of citizens who are anxious to advance, cannot enjoy the advantages of the outer world, or at least cannot have those it once enjoyed. At one time it was possible to send a telegraph message direct, night or day, from the local railroad office, or from any other point on the line. Now you can't "make the ripple."

At one time you could board a train here Sunday morning for any point up the valley and in the evening for any point below. Now you can't do that.

At one time you could send a letter to any point up the valley in the morning or to any point down the valley in the evening. Now you can't do that.

We are bottled up completely, "bottled in bond." The march of progress has passed us by, and has withdrawn its benefits, which having once enjoyed we thirst for. The situation is reversed—once we enjoyed what was in the bottle, now we are in the bottle with the cork jammed in tight.

## SHAKESPEARE GROANS

The all-wise South Pittsburg Hustler, originator of unique spelling, now wants to spell Shakespeare (the modern and accepted spelling of the name) "Shakespear," on the ground that that is the way the author, himself, spelled it. All right, but if the Hustler is going to adopt the Shakespearean style of spelling, it will have abundant material for its new unabridged dictionary now being prepared.

It requires the use of a glossary to understand the meaning of some of Shakespeare's expressions, and we doubt if the erudite Shakespearean scholar on the Hustler staff, who is informing us all about that gentleman, could read the early editions of his works. We know we could not with very much degree of enjoyment. It was only when the lexicographers commenced their labors in earnest that the English language took definite shape as regards orthography and etymology.

By the way there are other ways of spelling the name of Avon's bard which the Hustler might use occasionally for a change, but the accepted one in modern scholars (vide Webster) is "Shakespeare." He gives three forms but NOT the Hustler's "Shakespear," or Shake appie or Shakefig. The nearest Webster gets to the fruit line is "Shakespere," which suggests the French word for father, *pere*, which is much different from the French word for peas, which is *poire*.

We cordially wish some one would purchase the Marion Hotel ruin, tear it down, and rebuild into a modern residence.

## A LEAGUE OF NOTIONS

To American voters who think and are not governed by an indefinite desire to make everything and everybody good the League of Nations is becoming more and more a League of Notions. It is praiseworthy to look to the betterment of mankind in every way possible, but true charity commences at home, always, and therefrom sheds its benign effulgence.

There is absolutely no reason to believe that the mere signing of a document called a League of Nations means there will be no more war in Europe. These peoples since history began have been in strife, and it makes no matter what their professions of christianity have been, they have shed blood until the country is one vast battlefield. If they have so far paid no attention to the commandment that forbids slaughter, can they be expected to change their custom of centuries merely because the United States has been included into an alliance or agreement with them? We think not, and millions of voters in America are thinking the same today and will vote their feelings in the matter strictly November next.

Americans want peace with all nations, earnestly desire it, but it must not become mixed up with leagues and covenants so that all is confusion. The simpler these arrangements are made—peace and treaty, separately—the less chance for friction will there be later.

Numbers of wise Americans, fathers of their country, statesmen, have laid down as a warning that we should beware of entangling foreign alliances, and we would be poor children if we paid no attention to their utterances. In founding this nation they most assuredly have known what was necessary.

Today America is receiving daily thousands of people who are seeking to escape from eastern turmoil, and yet we have statesmen who urge that we turn our eyes eastward and plunge into this turmoil to better mankind.

When Eastern democracy—or rather aristocracy—get christianity into their hearts, the kind that suggests that they love their neighbors as themselves, then the question will settle itself automatically. Missionaries should be sent to Europe instead of armed men and whenever President Wilson gets that idea engrossed in his League of Nations then we are for it.

The record so far has been for bigger battleships and bigger armies, and if the League of Nations means peace, what is the need of these implements of the devil? But President Wilson has said that force was after all the impelling factor, and, if so, guns must be manufactured and soldiers trained, by an anomaly, in the name of peace. Hence we are at the identical point from which we commenced, viz., peace to avoid war, and war to enforce peace.

Was there ever such idiocy? The News is against the proposition, teeth and toenail. Let us cut loose from this scheme, just as the Gordian knot of old was severed, and have a country for Americans and any others who honestly wish to become Americans.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

It has been impossible to obtain the information of casualties or a word from long-absent, unheard-of soldiers in the foreign service. Sleepless mothers pray for relief from their anxiety, and the care worn faces of despairing fathers haunt the days.

I am constantly told the cables are overcrowded with accumulated messages and we must wait. So we do, but while we wait these parents, as well as Senators, read from six to fifteen columns of cabled news minutely describing the president's reception in the various capitals of Europe.

The cables inform us in great detail of the gowns and headgear of queens and princesses.

The cable likewise describes the President's apartments in the palace of Prince Murat. We are told in detail of closets for fifty suits of clothes, thirty-foot square bedrooms, a thirty-five seat dining room table, dinner service of pure gold, telephones in every room, inlaid mahogany tables, gondola shaped bed, canopied with pink brocade and pink tapestries, the services of George-ette, the personal maid of Princess Murat, the ladies' closet large enough for 100 gowns, 200

pairs of slippers and shoes, fifty parasols, fifty fans and other feminine accessories delight the American people and give to the anxious parents information so desired. More than 3,000 glasses, we are further informed, load the pantry of this palace, serving more than sixty different kinds of beverage.

I wish to compare the zinc cans out of which the American soldier is fed, with the \$15,000,000 solid gold plate service and the inlaid mahogany table from which the President and Rear Admiral Grayson are feasting in London.—Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, January 4, 1919.

President Wilson in his Boston speech on returning from Europe, speaking of his European experiences, banquets, wealth, adulation, said: "Was there ever so wonderful a thing seen before?" Yes, there was, and we would like to tell him to his head what it was. It was this country before he got control of it, only more so. The debt hanging over us today and this trouble showered upon us would have wrecked any ordinary country, "so was there ever so wonderful a thing seen before?"

Read the News.

## The "Front Porch" Campaign.



—Gale in Los Angeles Times.

## ARTICLE TEN.

It has been said that a Republican paper would not publish Article Ten of the League of Nations, over which there is so much contest, as thereby it would prove there was all "cry and little wool" over the matter.

The News, an American paper, Republican, if you wish to call it, takes up the challenge, and here is Article Ten for you, Mr. Voter, or Mrs. Voter, to see for yourself.

"The Members of the League UNDERTAKE TO RESPECT AND PRESERVE AS AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION the territorial integrity and existing political independence of ALL Members of the League. In case of any such aggression the COUNCIL shall advise upon the means by which this OBLIGATION SHALL BE FULFILLED."

You will note first that the members of the league ALL make an obligation to "undertake to respect and PRESERVE as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of ALL members of the league." Then, in case of an aggression a COUNCIL "shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled."

Unfortunately for the league the Constitution of the United States, adopted by the states in 1787 and thereafter, places the matter of waging war solely in the power of Congress, and Gov. Cox, the democratic candidate for the presidency, says this is true, declaring "No treaty can override our Constitution." Now, suppose the Council says, "We, the remaining members of the league, must wage war upon such and such a country or countries," (either within the league or without it) and Congress says, "No, America will not enter this war," certainly then the conditions would be at variance.

Hence, either we must change our Constitution by taking the power from Congress to declare war, or absolutely disobey a document on which we have built for over two centuries.

Which are you willing to do, Mr. Voter, regard the Constitution of your country, bought with the blood of your ancestors, as a "scrap of paper," a species of Germanism disliked by Americans, or stick to it?

The choice is yours November 2.

It has now leaked out that if the United States enters the League of Nations, the Japs will immediately appeal to that body that they be allowed to settle in this country just where they want to. That would be a nice question to solve, and if the answer should be in the affirmative, of course we would have to let them overrun us. The American people, however, will answer NO! in November, and Mr. Jap will have to stay at home.

People who noted that Tuesday was a Red-Letter Day on their calendars are hereby informed that it meant "Columbus Day," a public holiday in honor of Christopher Columbus, who discovered this country 428 years ago.

Criticism is made of the gravel which is being placed on the road from here to Whitwell on the ground that it contains too much clay. If that be so, is regrettable, as there is little enough road money to waste.

Operation of the Roberts Tax Law in Putnam county shows a decrease of \$863 Taxes on Public Utilities, such as railroads, telephone, telegraph, etc., also a decrease of \$7,113 on personal property, while town real estate increased in taxes \$2,856, and farm lands increased \$17,866 in taxes. Farmers and real estate owners are feeling the effects, and will give expression to their feelings at the polls next month.

The Democratic Campaign Book is on our desk. The first word on the cover is "Peace," but what a travesty has that party made of it!

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If you look pale and feel weak, if you have lost your enthusiasm and energy, if your blood is clogged with poisons, your system is being fed with a poor grade of fuel. That is no way to go around. If you are not at your best, get at the source of the trouble right away. Put an end to half living.

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A. L. McCullough attended the Fair at Richard City yesterday.

## LAND SALE.

D. T. Layne et al.

Jennie Daffron et al.

In Chancery Court at Jasper, Tenn.  
In obedience to a decree of the Chancery Court at Jasper, made at the September Term, 1920, in the above styled case, I will, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1920,  
at Whitwell, Tenn., in front of the Post Office, sell to the highest and best bidder the property in said decree described, being a tract of land known as the Robert Layne lands, lying and being in Marion County, Tennessee, described as follows:

Beginning on the branch immediately on the south side of the public road, main, leading from Victoria to Imman, via Ketter's Mill, at what was formerly a railroad trestle, at a stake, corner of the Hutton lands; thence eastwardly to and up the Prigmore Hill, following the old road, and on with same to the Ketter lands near the big cut; thence a short distance southwardly with the line of the Ketter lands to the old railroad bed, now a public road, to a stake in the aforesaid named branch, in the line of the Hutton lands, only a little south of the beginning, approximately containing 30 acres, more or less, excepting a space for a graveyard, which is specified in deed to Robert Layne, to which reference is hereby made.

## TERMS OF SALE.

Sale will be made according to law, not accepting any bid under \$900.00, it being the minimum value placed on lands, requiring one-third to be paid in cash, one-third on a credit of 12 months and the remaining one-third on a credit of 18 months, to the highest and best bidder, taking notes, with security, drawing interest from date, and retaining a lien on the land for further security.

This 1st day of October, 1920.  
S. L. HAVRON,  
Clerk and Commissioner.  
W. E. McCurry, Solicitor.  
Printer's Fee, \$9.00.